



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

August 30, 1988

Honorable Michael D. Bradbury  
District Attorney  
County of Ventura  
Hall of Justice  
800 South Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. A-88-281

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

This is in response to your letter requesting advice regarding application of the new restrictions on publicly-funded mass mailings under Proposition 73.

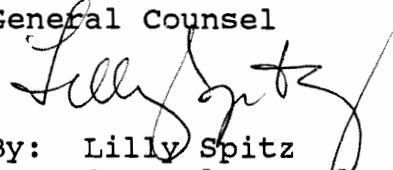
Enclosed are copies of our first advice letters interpreting the mass mailing restrictions, and the emergency regulation adopted by the Commission on July 26, 1988. After examining the new statute and the analysis by the Legislative Analyst, we have concluded that the voters intended to restrict mailings by state and local elected officials, but did not intend to ban publicly funded mailings entirely.

Upon review of the materials you have submitted to us, we conclude that each of these documents qualifies as a "mass mailing" if sent to two-hundred or more individuals in a single calendar month. (Emergency Regulation 18901(a).) Because each of the documents features your name, picture, or signature, all of these publications are prohibited under the mass mailing restrictions of Proposition 73.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

  
By: Lilly Spitz  
Counsel, Legal Division

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Enclosures



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July 18, 1988

Ms. Diane Griffiths  
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428 "J" Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for Opinion

Dear Ms. Griffiths:

This office routinely mails several publications and miscellaneous correspondence regarding district attorney programs. I have included three such publications/letters as examples: A Biennial Report (previously an annual report was issued), a Victim's Newsletter, and a letter to business people who utilize our Non-Sufficient Fund Check Restitution Program.

Please provide me with your opinion whether these publications/correspondence fall within the mass mailing prohibitions of Government Code sections 82041.5 and 89001.

If you need additional information, please contact Assistant District Attorney Colleen Toy White at (805) 654-2523.

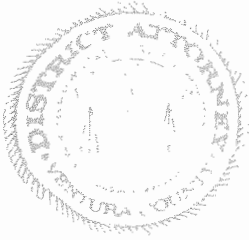
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Very truly yours,

  
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cc: Edward T. Fogel  
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County of Ventura  
Hall of Justice  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: 88-281

Dear Mr. Bradbury:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on July 19, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Lilly Spitz, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane M. Griffiths", is written over a faint, larger signature.

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

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June 21, 1988

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Re: District Attorney's NSF Check Unit

Dear Merchants:

The NSF Check Restitution and Prosecution Unit of the District Attorney's Office has successfully completed 28 months of operation with outstanding results.

A total of 1,901 victim-merchants and individuals have submitted over 19,800 checks to the NSF Check Unit. Total restitution returned to victims-merchants since the inception of the program exceeds three quarters of a million dollars, with a monthly high in February 1988 of over \$54,000.

Arrest warrants have been issued for 388 of the worst offenders, and the checks involved in these cases represents an additional \$369,000 in restitution.

A number of merchants have requested new or additional NSF check warning signs. Merchants who have posted the warning signs near their cash registers have experienced a decrease in the number of NSF checks received from customers. Enclosed, for your use, is one of the warning signs.

Should you need additional warning signs or have any questions regarding our NSF Check Program, please contact the NSF Check Unit at 654-3092.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL D. BRADBURY  
District Attorney

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Enclosure

(Merchants)

NSF CHECK RESTITUTION AND PROSECUTION UNIT

Hall of Justice, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-0273 (805) 654-3092

# REPORT



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## Domestic Violence: a national problem

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**I**f it is true that violence begets violence, then nowhere does it have a more dramatic effect than in the home.

- One out of every two American families experience at least one incident of domestic violence.
- Every 17 seconds in the United States, an incident of violence occurs against a woman by her partner. Yet, domestic violence might be the largest under-reported crime in America.
- Most people, when beaten by someone in their own family feel afraid, embarrassed, guilty and helpless.

Violence-prone families are, from all outward appearances, no different from average American families. They can be found among all socioeconomic levels, and in every city and town in Ventura County; but domestic violence is not a local or isolated phenomenon. It is a national problem.

California's Office of Criminal Justice Planning annually distributes over \$4.2 million in federal and state funds to domestic violence projects throughout the state. The office provides funds for direct assistance; the development of model domestic violence prevention programs; and pilot programs that give employment counseling, training and placement assistance.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has victim advocates who help victims obtain

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"I consider family violence a serious social problem demanding the attention of the entire Criminal Justice System. Domestic violence is one of the leading sources of criminal homicide in general, and officer injury and death, in particular. It is the policy of my office to file and prosecute all provable cases involving domestic violence. I oppose attempts to divert or otherwise excuse any violent offender from criminal responsibility."

law enforcement, legal assistance, and social services. Advocates also help victims of domestic violence apply for temporary restraining orders. When necessary, the advocates give court support.

Since October 1986, the Victim/Witness Division has helped 1,107 victims obtain temporary restraining orders.

In Ventura County, local agencies such as Interface, The Coalition Against Household Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center, also provide immediate safety and ongoing support for victims of violence and abuse.

